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Mr. Edwin A. Thompson
Director, Records Declassification Division
National Archives and Records Service
Room 18-W, Archives Building
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Washington, D.C. 20408

Dear Mr. Thompson:

Agency representatives have completed a survey of the 1940-1944 State Department Purport Books and Purport Cards and agree with an earlier finding of your office that some of the entries in this series are potentially compromising from a security point of view, particularly as these entries may relate to sources and methods. We have determined that the most potentially compromising entries are to be found in the State Department's decimal system series

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It is the understanding of this Agency that the Purport Books and Purport Cards for the period 1940-1944 have been microfilmed and will soon be listed for availability in your newest catalog. As we have previously discussed, once these microfilms become readily accessible and available to the public, any hope of containing the potential security compromise will be ended.

In order to prevent any further compromises, this Agency requests that your office place a temporary hold on the below listed Purport Sheets and Cards and withdraw the corresponding microfilm. This Agency will assign a two-man task force to review the potentially comprising entries. This team will be subject to your guidelines and such procedures as will meet your operating criteria.


Decimal Series: 103.918 - 103.91802; and 123 (Personnel
and Assignments)

Microfilm Reel Numbers: 442, 447 - 458, 609 and 612

This Agency is most appreciative of the cooperation your office has shown in arriving at a practical solution to help resolve this potential security problem.

Sincerely,

Signed


Assistant for Information,
Directorate of Administration

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